was also made in regard to this allegation and it was found that the allegation is not correct. Further, on a oral complaint regarding the alleged misbehaviour of the Accountant that he had been found drinking in the college premises, the Police after investigation found that the anonymous complaint was false and baseless

Effects of food additives

1344. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hyper activity caused in children due to use of various food additives in processed food and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Voluntary Health Association of India in an article 'Health for Millions' of October, 1988 nas drawn attention to the dangers of various additives in foods and if so, what are the details thereof and what corrective action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether, apart from promoting food additives, CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, laboratories dealing with food and nutritions, have undertaken any studies on bad effects of additives; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the excellent work done by Hyperactivity Association of South Australia on the effect of additives in creating naughty, aggressive and clumsy children and, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The different food additives permitted under PFA rules are safe and do not seem to produce hyper activity in children. No instance of hyper activity in children using processed food has come across in India.

(b) The Government has seen one publication entitled 'Health for Millions' of October, 1988 published by Voluntary Health Association of India reporting that many of the food additives are believed to cause hyper-activity in children. Food additives permitted under the provisions of PFA Rules, 1955, in general are not reported to cause hyper-activity in children.

(c) The leading R. & D. Institutions in the country do undertake studies on effect of additives as and when need arises.

(d) No such Report has come to the notice of the Government of India.

Free check-in-facility at airports by Indian Airlines

1345. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has introduced free check-in facility at the airport terminal of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines propose to introduce similar facility at other airports also; and

(c) if so, by when and how much expenditure is likely to be involved in providing such facility at other airports?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines has plans to introduce free check-in facility at major airports in a phased manner. No additional expenditure is involved to Indian Airlines.

Exhibition of religious pictures in hospital

1346. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in almost every general ward of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi, there are pictures of Hindu Gods and Goddess and Sikh Gurus;

(b) if so, whether exhibition of such pictures in Government offices, etc. is barred by Government instructions; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken by Government against those responsible for violating Government instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) There are pictures of Hindu Gods and Goddess and Sikh Gurus in some of the wards in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. However, these pictures have been hung by the patients in their hour of acute sufferings. So far as Central Government Hospitals are concerned, no instructions have been issued against the exhibition of religious pictures, keeping in view the religious sentiments of the patients and also secular status of the country.

Exclusion of psychotherapeutic drugs from price control

1347. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 1543 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Health Ministry only recommended that Psychotherapeutic drugs may be considered for decontrol provided such a consideration fits into the overall criteria adopted by the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Psychotherapeutic drugs do not fulfil any exclusion criteria as laid down by the Kelkar Committee;

(c) if so, on what basis these drugs were excluded from price control; and

(d) whether it is a fact that their exclusion from price control involved pay offs from Multinational companies who were helped in the process?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) The exclusion of psychotherapeutic drugs from price control is based on the recommendations made by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, details of which are discussed in the Supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. Government has recently included a few psychotherapeutic drugs under price control.

Kelkar Committee recommendations on Small Scale Sector

1348. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 667 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decisions of Government in respect of Small Scale Sector and keeping bulk vitamins except vitamin A and C are against the recommendations of Kelkar Committee;

(b) if so, what are the details of recommendations and what are the details of the decisions that have been taken; and

(c) what are the details of the recommendations of Kelkar Committee which have not been decided upon and implemented through internal instructions?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Government has taken an independent decision to exempt the small scale sector from price control for Category-II formulations under DPCO, 1987. Vitamin 'A' and 'C' have been put under price control by the Government on account of their importance and mass consumption nature. Further, Vitamin 'A' is required for eye-ailments and prevention of blindness.

(b) and (c) The Kelkar Committee's First report and the Supplementary report contained recommendations made by the